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USE OF HARPAGID-RELATED COMPOUNDS FOR

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF

OSTEOPOROSIS, ARTHRITIS AND RUPTURED

DISC AND PHARMACEUTIAL COMPOSITION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 25, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of treating arthritis, osteoporosis and ruptured disc comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of the compound of formula (I):